employment of the retrenched employees, if necessary, by relaxing the age limit and the order of priority for employment if they are otherwise suitable to the employed.

Installed capacity of Maruti Udyog

1866. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of Maruti Udyog Limited, for the production of different varieties of vehicles;

(b) the number of Maruti vehicles of different types booked for supply so far; and

(c) whether the Maruti Udyog will be able to meet the domestic demand and if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Totaol installed capacity of Maruti Udyog is 1,00,000 vehicles/year for production of Cars Vans and Gypsys.

(b) The total number of vehicles booked for supply are as under:—

Year	Cars	Vans	Pick-up@	Gypsy	Total
1983	121,421	12,299	1284	—	135,004
1985	—	122,330	—	20,231	142,561
1986	144,000*	—	—	—	144,000
TOTAL : . .	265,421	134,629	1284	20,231	4,21,565

@Converted to Vans later.

* Estimated.

(c) Maruti Udyog expects to meet a major share of the domestic demand for this range of vehicles.

Measures to reduce consumption of Petrol and petroleum products

1867. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been taken in the country to reduce the consumption of petrol and petroleum products during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of petrol and petroleum products estimated to have been saved in consumption during the last two years as a result of those measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), set up by the Government in 1976 has been carrying out field studies in the organised sectors of industry and road transport, and education campaign in the unorganised sector of transport, domestic and agriculture. Besides, PCRA has sponsored development of fuel efficient equipment and devices such as:

(i) fuel-efficient low air pressu industrial film burner;

(ii) Nutan kerosene wick stove with a thermal efficiency of 64%; and

(iii) Nutan LPG Burner with a thermal efficiency of 70%.

In the agricultural sector, PCRA initiated rectification of lift irrigation pumpsets. During the last two year, 190 diesel-driven life irrigation pumpsets were rectified, resulting in diesel saving of around 30% in these pumpsets.

The savings of petroleum products during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 as a result of the measures indicated above are estimated at about Rs. 20 crores and Rs. 30 crores respectively.

Drilling by Oil India Limited

1868.SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil India Limited has planned drilling of eight wells to the depth of 2000 to 3000 metres in Orissa on shore areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Drilling of these exploratory wells is expected to commence during the first quarter of 1987-88. Oil India Limited propose to charter hire a rig for this purpose.

Second South Oil and Gas Terminal

1869. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government for locating the Second South Oil and Gas Terminal of the ONGC at Usar in Taluka Alibag, District-Raigadh; and

(b) what decision has been taken in the matter and if no decision has so far been taken are the reasons for the delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such project is envisaged in the VII Plan.

Oil wells dug in chidambaranar district of Tamil Nadu

1870. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many exploratory oil wells were dug in Chidambaranar District of Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) what had been the depth of each well;

(c) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to news item caption "Gas struck in Chidambaranar District" which appeared in "News Today" dated 10th November, 1986;

(d) whether ONGC has sent any team to study the gas and analyse it; if so, what are its findings;

(e) if the answer is negative, whether Government propose to send a team immediately to study the gas; and

(f) whether ONGC propose to conduct detailed survey in Tamarambani river basin for gas and petroleum in the near future; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) None.